

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Engraver's Department,

July 12, 1895

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The cause of the delay in expressing an opinion as to the genuineness of the Indian Peace medal issued during President Jefferson's term is as follows.

First we have no four inch medal of President Jefferson in our cabinet, and consequently can make no comparison between what is known to be genuine and the medal forwarded. We have a three inch medal which may have been made to take the place of the four inch that belonged to Cumbeeson to wear by the Indians.

Before giving my opinion of the medal I would like to fully examine our stock of National dies and if possible ascertain

whether we have a pair of four inch dies
of this design, as they could fully establish
the genuineness or otherwise of the
medal.

As you are aware, all medal dies are in
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the dies is now on his vacation, but will
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Very respectfully
Chas. E. Barber
Engraver.

Hon. Herman Kutz
Superintendent

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